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NEW PROVINCIAL

On January 18, V. R. Fr. Joseph J. King became Provincial of the Province. In the evening, Fr. Seeliger, the former Provincial, became Master of Novices.

January 18, feast of the Chair of St. Peter, was chosen as an expression of loyalty to the Holy See, on account of the Jubilee year.

ALMA

At Christmas the Fathers answered 43 supply calls, the largest number taken by Alma up to this time.

Frs. Nagle and Bourret and the Bellarmine Scholastics spent the Christmas holidays at Alma. Fr. Bede Ernsdorff, O.S.B., was a guest during the holidays.

Yehudi Menuhin entertained the Community with a two hour violin concert on Dec. 28. It was his second appearance at Alma. He remarked that he enjoyed these visits because he is assured of a most responsive audience.

Frs. Baallesteros and Pena, at the request of Msgr. Maher, worked among the San Jose Mexicans.

Major General Gillam visited Alma with Fr. Laherty. Chief Photographer's Mate, Mr. Sprague, father of Fr. Sprague, gave an illustrated lecture on the Navy. Dec. 28, 18 theologians gave the Red Cross Mobile Unit in San Jose a pint of blood. In January 11 more will give a pint of blood.

Jan. 18. The Alma Observation Post of the Aircraft Warning Service was featured on a coast-wide radio program called Eyes Aloft. At the invitation of the 4th Fighter Command, Messrs. Lanphier (author of the script) and Finnegan were present in the studio and received the trophy presented to the Alma College Unit by the 4th Fighter Command for outstanding service in saving an aircraft which had lost its way over the Alma hills.

Alma College received a \$1,000 donation from J. Frank Barrett of San Francisco, and \$250 from Victor A. Chargin of San Jose.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

At a joint meeting of the colleges and hospitals of the Archdiocese, Loyola students led the discussion on: Will Peace Be Possible After the War? The probable answer agreed on was: Due to lack of prayer and Catholic leaders, another period of strife will follow shortly after cessation of hostilities.

Jan. 15. Johnny Boudreau, recently director of the University Band, returned with his Santa Ana Air Base Band, and presented a concert for the students and faculty.

Fr. White and Br. Armstrong, both suffering from colds, are in Queen of Angels Hospital.

Feb. 1. Commencement Exercises of the first class to be graduated under the accelerated wartime program took place at the Wilshire-Ebell Theatre. Mr. W. H. Flannery, author of "Berlin Correspondent," was guest speaker. Two of the fifty in the graduating class could not be present, as they had already been called to active service in the Marines.

The graduating class were guests of the Loyola Guild at a Senior Luncheon in the University Auditorium.

LOYOLA HIGH

A majority of the Fathers and Scholastics are blood donors for the Red Cross.

Two marble side altars have been donated and installed in honor of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph.

The Treasury Department awarded Loyola a "Schools at War" flag for going over the top in the drive for the sale of War Stamps and Bonds. A speech of thanks and the award were made at a special assembly of the student body.

Seniors with fifteen credits may enroll in Loyola University at the beginning of February. Approval by Frs. Ransford and Connolly will be needed.

Feb. 3. Fr. Lord gives a one-day Motivation Retreat.

Two Loyola High players placed on the All-Southern California High School Football Team.

Fr. Rector gave a uniduum at Cabrini Villa.

Mr. Menard, a Scholastic from Canada, has been assigned to the Russian Mission. He will teach part-time at Loyola High and assist Fr. Ryder. He is to arrive shortly.

Chevrons have been awarded to Loyola High's two Victory Corps: the Pep Club, organized by Mr. Brady into the Activity Victory Corps; and the Aeronautics Victory Corps of Mr. Franklin.

Frs. R. S. Burns and Maginnis are tutoring some uperclassmen in mathematics to prepare them as specialists in the armed forces.

Despite transportation difficulties, schedules have been made for the Basketball and Baseball Teams. Baseball is being coached by Mr. Plushkell. Lightweigh basketball teams are directed by Messrs. Vizzard and Walsh.

LOS GATOS

Fr. John O'Farrell of "Jesuit Missions" spent several days at Los Gatos.

Mr. Norman Martin of Santa Clara was subdeacon at the Xmas Midnight Mass.

Dec. 8. Br. Francis J. Fox pronounced his first vows as a scholastic.

Dec. 31. Br. Donald Kolda from the Los Angeles Junior Seminary, and formerly of Loyola High, entered the Novitiate.

Jan. 2. Classes began with a two weeks' repetition before the new semester.

Jan. 7. "Cold Showers"! The hot water boiler broke, but not for the duration. It is hoped. Br. Benecke promises a new boiler by the end of January.

The Novices did a grand job in gathering the large olive crop. Workingmen are few.

Jan. 18. Fr. Seelinger was appointed to his former office of Master of Novices.

SAN FRANCISCO

Two very substantial Xmas gifts were received: \$50,000 and \$25,000. Both are earmarked for the University Gymnasium.

Jan. 24. University Commencement Exercises. Honorary Degrees were conferred on Fr. Paul McNally, S.J., of Georgetown, and Mr. Henry Grady, Ph.D., President of the American Presi-

dent Lines and American diplomat to the Orient. The St. Thomas More Award was given to Mr. Paul O'Brien, father of Fr. Paul O'Brien, S.J. Fr. Paul McNally was speaker at the graduation; Fr. Feely gave the Baccalaureate Sermon.

The University started pre-induction courses in February. There are two 9-week sessions, giving those planning to go to college an opportunity to make advancement in their studies.

Jan. 31. The high school held an informal graduation for those with sufficient credits. About 50% of the senior class was capable of graduation; not all took advantage of it.

Both senior classes in U.S.F. and St. Ignatius High, made retreats at El Retiro in anticipation of graduation. This has been a tradition for some time.

Lt. Browning has charge of the high school ROTC, in place of Col. Hall, who died suddenly some time ago.

Chaplain Jerome Sullivan sang the first midnight Mass at Treasure Island on Christmas Eve. Rene Sarazen and his choral group assisted in singing the Mass.

There are 1600 stars on the service flag in the sanctuary of the church. In the form of a cross, 18 stars represent the deceased students to date.

Fr. Preston has lost his bookkeeper to the Oakland Post Office.

Grosset & Dunlap have secured a contract to print 25,000 copies of the purse edition of Fr. Malaise's "Following of Christ." They will use AMERICA'S plates, making compensation for the depreciation. Mr. Peter Mallon, president of Little & Ives, who printed the purse edition, has negotiated the deal with Grosset & Dunlap.

BELLARMINE PREP

Fr. Austin has returned after recuperating at Santa Barbara, and has resumed his regular classes.

The gross proceeds of the annual card party of the Bellarmine Dad's Club were in excess of \$1200.00.

Two students were called to the armed services on Jan. 16, and a third on Jan. 28.

Three seniors took advantage of the war privilege and entered Santa Clara on Jan. 5. The majority prefer to finish their high school course.

The Christmas Food Drive in charge of Frs. Healy and Bourret, was a great success. Food baskets were given to more than 20 needy families.

Nine members of the Physics Academy took the Westinghouse science scholarship examination.

Fr. Lord will give the student body a day of motivation.

Dr. Ruiz of the class of '32, formerly house doctor at San Jose Hospital, met death in the Solomons, when the army hospital was bombed by Japs.

To date, 325 Bellarmine alumni are in the armed services.

SANTA CLARA

Jan. 5. Classes resumed with an enrollment of 465. During the last semester and at the end, 89 withdrew, most of them directly entering some branch of the service.

Jan. 27-29. Fr. Daniel Lord conducted the students' retreat. An open forum was held each evening in the auditorium for questions and difficulties. Fr. Lord's western visit is largely due to Fr. Deasy. The itinerary included all our houses in the Bay region, and Los Angeles and San Diego.

Of the student body, 92% are in the advanced ROTC, or various enlisted reserve corps. There are 83 in the advanced ROTC, 146 in the Army enlisted reserve corps, 48 in the Navy V-L program, 31 in the Navy V-7 program, 34 in the Marine Corps graduate class, and 17 in the Army Air Corps.

There has been a marked increase this semester in students taking mathematics and the sciences. The daily hour of physical training continues as part of the curriculum of the ROTC and the enlisted reserve corps.

Classes are conducted in navigation, meteorology and allied subjects in the University's observatory by Fr. Weber. John Malneritch '43 has written an article on Meteorology in the January, 1943, Catholic Digest.

An Alumni Service Scroll in color has been compiled by Fr. Donavon from the records as of January 10, 1943. It contains a list of 642 alumni: 400 with the Army, 238 with the Navy and Marines, and 4 in special service.

A sale of War Bonds and Stamps to students, relatives and friends of the University has been started on the campus. A drive for blood donors is under way.

Fr. Hubbard returned from his Christmas visit to Alaska. In two days, however, he left for the East.

The Sodality room, center of Campus Sodality activity, has been completely furnished.

Due to shortage of help, janitor service to the students' rooms has been curtailed for the duration. The making of beds is a daily chore for all.

CHAPLAINS

Fr. O'Mara was unable to make his visit to San Francisco.

Fr. McGrorey decided for prudential reasons not to have an Xmas midnight Mass, but changed after a committee of soldiers had requested it. The post chapel was jammed with 326. Of these 64 were civilians, mostly non-Catholics. Some six from the local parish were present. The local parish choir volunteered its services, greatly adding to the happiness of the occasion. Fr. McGrorey is not going to Harvard; more likely he will be sent overseas.

Fr. Wilfred Crowley, who is a combination Army and Navy Chaplain, appointed for the army and of his own accord caring for the navy who have no Catholic chaplain, may return to the mainland for a short while.

Fr. Kavanagh had heavy work for Xmas, hearing confessions and saying Mass in different places. He used the thought of Our Lord being away from home at Xmas, and suffering various hardships, to cheer up his men.

Fr. Clark celebrated Mass Christmas morning on an altar made of four bales of hay, nothing else was available. He writes that Our Lord was born again and laid in the hay of His altar manger. Father's address is: 59th Evac. Hosp., A.P.O. 668, New York City.

Fr. Copeland was given a 30-day sick-leave to California. In mid-January he was discharged from the hospital in San Francisco, and under orders returned east on Jan. 26. He may have a month or so at Harvard Chaplain School before going into active service.

Bishop O'Hara, the Military Delegate quotes from a letter from a soldier to his pastor: "Boy, a Catholic chaplain is really a treat for sore eyes in the Army. But the only time we see one is on Sunday, that is if we can get to Mass. Our Mass is at 7:00, and that's the same time we eat, so the boys who go to the Catholic church don't eat. I don't care if I ever eat breakfast, as long as I can get to church."

High Lights on Chaplains.

The following official figures are for Jan. 9, 1943:

Orders	Chaps.	Applic.	Aux.
S. J.	100	9	19
C. SS. R.	81	8	14

O. F. M.	45	9	6
O. S. B.	42	6	4
C. P.	32	2	2
Dioceses—			
New York	72	11	13
Chicago	49	11	12
Philadelphia	47	1	—
Boston	45	10	1
Cleveland	36	1	3
Newark	30	2	—
San Francisco	17	4	2
Los Angeles	13	3	17

VARIA

Fr. Dan Lord has been appointed to the I.S.O.

Lenten Appointments of Tertians.

Fr. Burman, Blessed Sacrament, L. A.

Fr. Joseph Carroll, San Francisco.

Fr. John Martin, San Francisco.

Fr. Graham, El Retiro.

Fr. Schmidt, Phoenix.

Fr. Vincent O'Sullivan, Loyola High.

Three out of four recent California Provincials stepped from the office of the Master of Novices, and into that of the Provincial; Frs. Piet and Seeliger, and V. R. Fr. Joseph King.

Fr. George Dunne received an offer of a professorship at U. C. L. A. to lecture during this semester on International Law and on Far Eastern International Relations. Dr. Quincy Wright of the Univ. of Chicago was anxious that the offer be accepted. A doctorate thesis, etc., prevented acceptance.

Fr. Albert O'Hara had an interview with Madame Wei, wife of the Chinese Ambassador in Washington, D. C. He was invited back for lunch with the Ambassador, his wife, and some of the Embassy staff. In his honor and for his enjoyment, they had the Chinese cook prepare food peculiar to North China. Later they called on him for a favor which he was able to do for them. He has a good entre there.

He reports that John Costello, Congressman from Los Angeles, treats all California Jesuits who visit Washington very well. John is a fine, conscientious, hard working man, and is respected by the other Congressmen.

Fr. John Martin gave the Brothers' retreat at Mt. St. Michael's.

In the El Retiro retreat ending Jan. 17, with 41 present, there were 18 soldiers. They have formed an El Retiro Club in the Camp which is having ex-

cellent results for the Catholic life of the soldiers, and has made the chaplain's work much easier. The chaplain has cited El Retiro to Bishop Connolly, and also to Bishop O'Hara.

FR. JOHN NESTOR

Fr. Nestor lived a long, useful, cheerful and edifying life. He was ever a popular confessor of Ours and of the secular clergy, who without a word to anyone, would steal upstairs to his room at Loyola High.

His nephew, Prof. MacConastair, who teaches Spanish at the Passionist Retreat House, in Sierra Madre, Calif., tells the story of Fr. Nestor's vocation. Fr. Nestor's father at considerable sacrifice returned from the United States to Ireland to make it possible for his brother to enter the priesthood. God blessed him, for his own two sons, Canon Nestor of Ireland, and our Fr. Nestor, became priests.

Fr. Nestor told other stories on himself. As pastor at Los Gatos, he said the late Masses. Old Man Doody came early on Sunday morning to Father's room and found him in bed. Doody excused himself. "Come in." "I want to go to confession." "Come in!" "I want to go to confession like a Christian," and the old man walked out.

As procurator at the novitiate, worried at the way the novices broke handles from coffee cups, he tried to buy cups without handles. The store had only cups with handles, "but after the novices wash the cups once or twice, you will have what you want."

He was ever a pleasant and good natured religious. Even in the last years of his life, when he had spent a sleepless night, he was never peevish next day; neither did he complain about his ailments.

On Nov. 6, with a kindly speech Fr. Nestor welcomed the new Rector at the evening recreation. A week or so later, he had to give up his daily Mass, as he was confined to bed with a slight touch of pneumonia. His last great wish to die in one of our houses was fulfilled. On Dec. 5, he peacefully expired with no struggle; he just fell asleep in death.

DEATHS

Jan. 20. Fr. Curtis Sharp, Camp Carson, Colo.

Father of Mr. Teufel of Alma.

Father of Fr. Deasy.